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When the Italian Economic Commission arrived in Ecuador on 13 March 1947, efforts were made to establish close contacts in government and business circles. According to an untested source, reporting on 19 April 1947, the most influential contact established by the head of the Commission, Arturo Cappa, was the Minister of Economy, Leonardo Stagg, whose wife is Italian. Cappa obtained a promise of assistance from Stagg on the condition that the Commission would favor Stagg's private business interests. Stagg is reported to be a partner of the Italian Consul at Guayaquil, Tabacci, in certain private transactions.

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